31 October 2015 at the Derwent Sailing Squadron:
COTTAGE SCHOOL CELEBRATING 40 YEARS

Tickets are limited and are selling fast!
To get your ticket email Jane at
40years@cottageschool.tas.edu.au

From Steve: Well folks, “The Eagle has landed”. That’s just a fancy way of saying that the replacement bus is now in our possession. We have purchased a 2003 Mitsubishi Rosa, which is an ex rental bus from Bargain Car Rentals. With a for sale price of $28,000, we successfully negotiated a purchase price of $23,000. The funding for the bus has come from the FOCS account, which had been specifically earmarked for the purpose. So thank you to FOCS for your continued fundraising that allows these major types of purchases to occur. We now have some admin to do with insurance etc. but it should be on the road very soon. Just a reminder that tenders for the existing bus close at 3:00pm next Wednesday.

Monday was an interesting day to say the least. Teachers and students were snowed in their homes, families took the day off school to visit the snow, and families arrived at school and then changed their minds and decided to go and visit the snow. It was a crazy mixed up day, but it didn’t really matter because everyone was in good spirits and enjoying the spectacle and stories that Hobart offered on that particular day.

I know that many of you have already met with teachers to discuss contents of the mid-year reports and I’m sure that combined with the written report, the discussions have left you feeling well informed. Just a reminder that meetings will continue next week and that booking sheets are in each of the classrooms.
Today was Census Day where all schools report to government the total student enrollment for funding purposes. I’m pleased to say that we reported a healthy 70 Primary Students and 10 Kinder students.

In previous newsletters I enquired as to whether any parents would be interested in being involved with the Magic 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parent Course. A few parents responded, and I’m pleased to say that Anglicare have forwarded information for the course details which are listed later in this newsletter. I’m sure that for those who attend, it will be an interesting and positive learning opportunity that gives insight into how we are operating with behaviour management at school.

**Grade 3 - 6 Swimming Programme:** Grade 3 - 6 will be starting their swimming programme on **Monday August 17** at the Clarence Pool and will run every day (1.30 – 2.30 pm) for two weeks. (Mon Aug 17th – Friday Aug 28th). During the programme students will work on water safety skills, stroke refinement, stroke development and water confidence, depending on their individual level of skill.

Children will be transported to and from the pool. If you would like to collect your child from the Clarence pool please arrive by 2.45pm & notify a staff member that you are taking your son/daughter.

Could all students bring:

- Bathers
- Towel
- Cap & Goggles (optional)
- Tiebacks for long hair
- Plastic bag for wet gear

Some students may need to bring shorts and a t-shirt during water safety activities in the second week.

Any questions please contact me. Georgie

**Golden Handshakes:** This week’s recipients are :-

- Bill - For support to class mates and working hard on goals
- Sam – For a great physical effort on the bush walk to Newtown Falls
- Holly – For continually giving her best in all areas
- Bella – for continually working to improve in all areas and to extend herself socially
- Meg – for working on Maths Online at home to improve her skills
- Matt – for working on Maths Online at home to improve his skills

**For Sale by Tender:** Toyota Coaster Bus – see attached document for full details. Final date to put in your tender is next Wednesday 12th August.
What’s On:

The University of Western Australia: SURVEY FOR PARENTS AND KIDS:
Researchers at the University of Western Australia are looking for parents with children or teens between the ages of 8 and 16 to help us find out more about the relationship between the personality trait, narcissism, and children’s emerging understanding of who they are (their sense of self and self-esteem).
The survey can be done over the internet and at home, and it takes about twenty minutes of your time (5-10 min parents and 10-15 min children). Parents are given the opportunity to enter a draw to win one of twenty $50 certificates to Coles/Myer. To participate go to: http://tinyurl.com/DOEBParents
For more information please contact Kate Derry at 6488 3259

What’s on at Rosny LINC – August 2015
There are heaps of interesting things happening at the Rosny LINC this month. Check their website for details www.linc.tas.gov.au. There is also a flyer in the noticeboard outside the Littlies Cottage.

Autism Tasmania Inc. 10 things that will make the NDIS Autism Friendly.
The National Disability Insurance Agency would like your views about how best to communicate with people with autism, their families and carers.
Autism Tasmania would like to invite you to attend one of a number of sessions that will be held around Tasmania. The Hobart session is on 24 August 2015. There will be three sessions to capture the unique views across the lifespan of people with autism.
0-5 years – 9.30am – 11am
6-18 years – 11.30am – 1.00pm
18+ years – 1.30pm – 3pm.
Sessions are open to people with lived experience, their parents/carers and families. To register your interest please phone 1300 288 476 or email autism@autismtas.org.au by 14 August 2014.

1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parent Course
Learn to manage behaviour in children 2-12 years old
A three-session program for parents and carers at Anglicare Tasmania, 18 Watchorn Street, Hobart
Tuesday September 1, 8 and 15th 9.30-11.30am OR 6.30-8.30pm.
The course costs $50 per person or couple ($10 per person for concession card holders). Register for this course by free calling Anglicare 1800 243 232.
See the flyer in the noticeboard outside the Littlies Cottage for more details.

Attachments: Toyota Coaster Bus – For Sale by Tender